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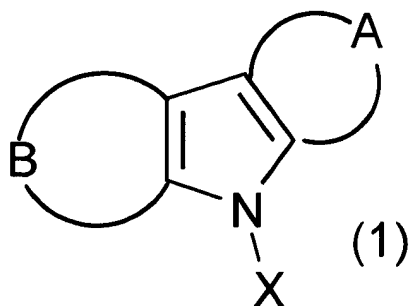
Claims 1-15, as amended, remain herein. Claims 1-4 have been amended. New claim 15 has been added. Support for the amendments and the new claim may be found throughout the specification (see, e.g., compound (A29), (A32), (A34), (A35), (A38)-(A40), (A42)-(A44), (A46), (B27), (B29), (B30), (B34)-(B37), (C31), (C33), (C34), (C37)-(C39), (C41)-(C43), (D32), (D34), (D35), (D38)-(D40), and (D42)-(D44) at page 15-25 of the specification).

Applicants enclose herewith a substitute Declaration thereby mooting the objection to the original oath/declaration. In addition, the specification has been amended to moot the objection to the specification.

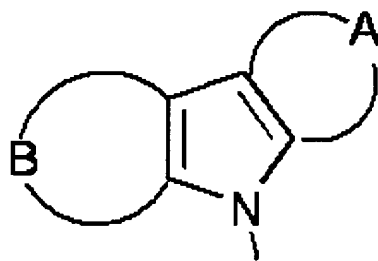
1. Claims 2-4 have been amended to moot this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

2. Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Taniguchi et al. JP 2000-219677.

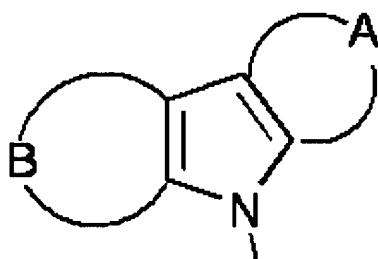
Applicants' claim 1 recites a material for organic electroluminescent devices comprising a compound represented by the following general formula (1):



with the proviso that when X is L-Y, L is a substituted or unsubstituted arylene, and Y is also represented by the following formula:



L is meta-substituted with the two groups represented by the following formula:



Taniguchi does not disclose applicants' claimed compound represented by general formula (1). In Taniguchi general formula (1), the central arylene ring is para-substituted, not meta-substituted, as required in applicants' claims. In addition, in Taniguchi general formula (2), the central heterocyclic ring is a pyrroline group, not a pyrrole group, as required in applicants' claims.

Thus, Taniguchi does not disclose all elements of applicants' claims and, therefore, it is not an adequate basis for rejection of applicants' claims under § 102(b). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

3. Claims 7-11, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Taniguchi in view of Hosokawa et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0045061.

As discussed above, Taniguchi does not disclose all elements of applicants' claims. Hosokawa does not teach or suggest what is missing from Taniguchi. Hosokawa says nothing about applicants' claimed material for organic electroluminescent devices.

Thus, neither Taniguchi nor Hosokawa discloses all elements of applicants' claims, and neither of these references discloses anything that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in the art. Further, there is no disclosure or teaching in any of Taniguchi, Hosokawa, or otherwise in this record, that would have suggested the desirability of combining any portions thereof effectively to anticipate or suggest applicants' presently claimed invention. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

4. Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Taniguchi in view of Hosokawa and Kobayashi et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0057052.

As discussed above, neither Taniguchi nor Hosokawa discloses all elements of applicants' claims. Kobayashi does not teach or suggest what is missing from Taniguchi and Hosokawa. Kobayashi says nothing about applicants' claimed material for organic electroluminescent devices.

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Thus, none of Taniguchi, Hosokawa, and Kobayashi discloses all elements of applicants' claims, and none of these references discloses anything that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in the art. Further, there is no disclosure or teaching in any of Taniguchi, Hosokawa, Kobayashi, or otherwise in this record, that would have suggested the desirability of combining any portions thereof effectively to anticipate or suggest applicants' presently claimed invention. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

For all the foregoing reasons, all claims 1-15 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection cited in the Office Action. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge or credit any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendments would be desirable in placing this application in even better condition for issue, he is invited to telephone applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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